

STONE & THOMAS

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The.....
Last Week

of the Christmas buying starts to-day, and it will be an unusually busy one here even for the holiday season. Everything in this Big Store for gift-makers. Scarcely an article you may want but what you can find here. These hints for to-day. To-morrow we will tell you of more.

Book Buyers

Will find our store a pleasant place to visit. We have collected all of the most desirable of this year's productions wherein author, artist and printer combine to please the lovers of good books, and you will save money, too, because we sell at REDUCTIONS FROM PUBLISHERS' PRICES.

Silk Waists.

We place on sale to-day an elegant line of Ladies' Silk Waists, any one of which would make an acceptable gift for a lady.
Taffeta Silk, with corded white yokes and collars, braid trimmed, with white applique revers—the price \$5.90.
Finer Waists up to \$25.00.
Other ones as low as 98c. Not room here to describe, but come and see.

Silk Underskirts.

Nice ones for gifts at \$4.95.
Heavy Taffeta Silk, deep corded ruffles, all colors; also black to choose from.
Finer ones up to \$25.00.

The Toy Dept.

A mecca for throngs of eager buyers these days. Greater variety and lower prices the rule. Complete assortments yet to select from. Come in early this week and make your selections.

STONE & THOMAS.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

LOCKE SHOE CO.

SANTA CLAUS
KEEPS COMING,

and each year he finds just the Slippers and Shoes at our store that he is looking for. HE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED THIS YEAR, and we will give him our beautiful 1900 Art Calendar also.

Locke Shoe Co.

JOHN FRIEDEL & CO.

Christmas Goods. Our Stock is
Now Complete.

Fancy China, Cut Glass, Banquet Lamps, Bric-a-Brac, Bronze Vases, Silver Ware, etc. Visit us and secure bargains in the great clearing out sale of goods left over from our wholesale department, shown on the second floor, as Dolls, Tea Sets, Doll Carriages, Hobby Horses, Books, etc.

Commencing Monday we will give one of our 1900 souvenirs to every purchaser.

JOHN FRIEDEL & CO.,
1119 MAIN STREET.

LADIES' SHOES.

There is Only One Way
To Prove the

ALEXANDRIA

\$3.50 SHOE

in Patent Leather makes the most acceptable gift one can offer a lady—

GIVE HER

A PAIR.....

This shoe is made up in lace or button, heavy Scotch edge, neat manish toe, perforated tip, and dull kid top.

Nothing nicer could be suggested for Christmas.

ALEXANDER,

GOOD SHOES. 1046 MAIN.

NAY BROTHERS—SHOES.

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Christmas
Suggestions.

FOR FATHER: A comfortable pair of Slippers.
MOTHER: An easy felt house Juliet or low Slipper.
SISTER: A handsome Patent Leather Shoe, cloth top, turn, for dress—heavy sole well for street wear.
BROTHER: A pair of "ROYAL" patent leathers will delight him.

NAY BROTHERS, 1317 MARKET.

DIAMONDS.

\$50,000
Worth of Fine
Diamonds

Bought during the early spring months, before the advance began to take place.

We are preparing to offer and shall offer special low prices during this entire month.

Dillon, Hancher & Co.,
1223 Market Street.

NICOLL'S ART STORE.

FOR WEDDINGS
AND HOLIDAYS.

No gift more highly prized than a picture from our superb collection. The largest display of original water colors we have ever shown is now on view, to which we add to-day a choice selection of French Figure Pictures just received.

NICOLL'S ART STORE, MARKET STREET.

The Intelligencer

Office: 25 and 27 Fourteenth Street.

New Advertisements.

The Last Week—Stone & Thomas—Eighth page.
You Enter the Last Week—George E. Stifel & Co.—Fifth page.

The Open Question—Kraus Brothers—Fifth page.

Fruits, Nuts and Candy—Alex. Durst & Sons—Second page.

For Sale—Simpson & Tatum.

Special Mention—Stanton's Old City Book Store.

Notice—Moundsville, Benwood & Wheeling Railway.

Our Christmas Offering—Morton C. Stout & Co.—Fifth page.

Grand Opera House—Next Door.

Christmas Comes to Everybody—The Hub—Eighth page.

Christmas—D. Gundling & Co.—Fifth page.

Pertinent Christmas Suggestions—Geo. M. Snook & Co.—Eighth page.

30.000.

We have fitted more than twenty thousand pairs of Spectacles, giving us a record and experience unequalled by any other optician in West Virginia. Satisfaction guaranteed.

JACOB W. GRUBB, Optician,
No. 1806 Market Street.

MEN'S Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, this week for 5 cents, at WILL GUTMAN'S, 1311 Market Street.

PERFUME Atomizers, Toilet Sets, Pocket Books, Cigar Cases, Bargains, at WILL IRWIN'S DRUG STORE.

NEITHER JACKSON

Decided Unconstitutional the Law
Relating to the

SEIZURE OF ANY DEVICE

Used for Gambling—Judge Monroe Jackson Replies to a Telegram Sent by Rev. J. L. Sooy, of the Church Federation—The Controversy With the Officials Remains the Principal Topic of Interest.

When the leaders in the Federation of Churches met with the city officials Friday they expressed their desire that the slot machines be seized and destroyed. In reply it was stated that the law giving the officials this power had been declared unconstitutional by Judge Jackson, of Parkersburg.

The ministers, assuming that United States Judge John J. Jackson was meant, wired him, and he responded that he had no such case before him. Then, Saturday afternoon, it was stated that Judge J. Monroe Jackson, of the Wood county criminal court, was referred to. Thereupon Dr. Sooy wired this judge as follows:

WHEELING, W. VA., Dec. 16.
Judge J. Monroe Jackson, Parkersburg, W. Va.:

Have you ever decided unconstitutional any law or laws providing for the seizure and destruction of any gambling device whatever? If so, what device and when decided?

J. L. SOOY.

Judge Jackson replied as follows:

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Dec. 15.

Rev. J. L. Sooy, Wheeling, W. Va.:

I have not. No such question ever before me. J. M. JACKSON.

The ministers now claim that the officials cannot longer evade destroying the slot machines on the plea that the law providing for such an extreme measure is unconstitutional.

The Federation of Churches has been called to meet this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when the slot machine crusade will be further discussed. It is said the ministers are preparing to extend their crusade to all forms of gambling devices in operation in Wheeling.

At least one minister in Wheeling has declined to enter the Federation of Churches movement, and it is said that another has withdrawn from it. The former stated last night that the churchmen were "making fools of themselves," and he did not intend to become mixed up in the affair.

With the Federation.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

Sir—As a citizen and taxpayer and a laboring man I am desirous of seeing the Federation of Churches push the good work to completion. Never have the voters among the ranks of labor been so anxious to see a reform along any line as along the slot machine line. We believe the ministers are in the right and hundreds of citizens are ready to help them. Put the laboring men down on the side of the Federation of Churches. MILL MAN.
Wheeling, December 17.

WM. F. KRIEG, JEWELER,
1141 Market Street.

Our line of Jewelry, including Watches, Diamonds, Sterling Silver Novelties, Rings, Bracelets, Mantel Clocks, Guckoo Clocks, etc., has been selected with great care and was never so fine and complete as this year. We have established a reputation for reliable goods equalled by few in the city. Prices as low as consistent with quality, and you receive full value every time. Come in early and make your purchases. W. F. KRIEG, 1141 Market.

BEAUTIFUL line of Holiday goods China, Jardiniere, Glassware, etc. The WEDGEWOOD, 1003 Main street.

OUR Watches are reliable time-keepers and we guarantee them. M'NAMEE, 1507 Market street.

FINE Line of "Coldons" Diamond Ear Rings and Studs at ODBERT'S, south end creek bridge.

C. HESS & SONS'

Useful and Elegant Christmas Gifts at Popular Prices.

COLLARS—Always the very newest for Ladies and Gentlemen.

NECKWEAR—All the latest styles.

GLOVES—Kid, Mocc, Silk and Wool.

MUFFLERS and Mufflerettes—Silk, Wool and Cotton.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Silk, Linen and Cambric.

SUSPENDERS—Fancy Silk, Satin and Worsted.

SHIRTS—Eighties and Monarchs in White and Colored.

KNIT JACKETS and BERLIN OPERATIVE COATS—Wool and Worsted.

UNDERWEAR and HALF HOSE—Wool, Cotton and Jaro's Hygienic.

UMBRELLAS—Silk and Mohair with Fancy Handles.

A Suit of Clothes, Overcoat, Pair of Trousers or Fancy Vest made to order, as we have their measures.

C. HESS & SONS,
Fashionable Tailors and Furnishers,
1321 and 1323 Market Street.

THE HUB CLOTHIERS.

Christmas Comes
For Everybody.

A perfect blaze of bargains illuminates every department of our vast establishment. Sensible presents for sensible people. Read every item in this ad. It will give you an idea of what to buy for your friends and relatives.

Men's Suits.	Umbrellas.	Boys' Suits.
Men's Overcoats.	Canes.	Boys' Overcoats.
Men's Mackintoshes.	Handkerchiefs.	Boys' Reefers.
Men's Night Robes.	Mufflers.	Boys' Trousers.
Men's Shirts.	Oxford Mufflers.	Boys' Hats.
Men's Ties.	Gloves.	Boys' Caps.
Men's Trousers.	Rubber Coats.	Boys' Fancy Shirts.
	Rubber Collars & Cuffs.	Boys' Sweaters.
	Linen Collars & Cuffs.	Boys' Ties.

Free with every suit and overcoat for \$3 up (sold during this week) a beautiful imported Oil Painted Placque. See them in our window.

See our grand displays in our windows and cases during this week. They'll convince you that no other does—ever did—ever will—sell such sterling qualities at such low prices as we quote.

MONEY BACK AS USUAL.

THE HUB,

FOURTEENTH AND
MARKET STREETS.

ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS.

BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.

Grand this evening—"The Prodigal Father."

The "Dewey Day" committee meets this evening.

Rev. Campbell Jobs, of Clayville, preached yesterday at the Second Christian church.

Rev. Dr. Sooy will give a talk this evening to the Epworth League of Fourth Street M. E. church, entitled: "Our Insect Friends." The public is invited.

The boarding house of Mrs. Shipley, at the corner of Twenty-first and Main streets, was entered by unknown persons Saturday night, and a quantity of meat taken. The police were notified.

Arrests by the police yesterday included Nellie White, disorderly, by Officer Wells; John R. Connelly, peddling, Officer Ingram; C. L. Schwartz, peddling, Officer Ingram.

The Arabian Degree, Klan of the Jr. O. U. A. M., a recent addition to the side degrees of the secret societies of this city, held a large session on Saturday evening, and initiated several new members. They gave a very creditable street parade, and a lunch at Held's was a feature.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM Calendars for 1900, by Mrs. M. E. Irwin. Leave orders at 22 Vermont street. th&m

FINEST Cut Glass at Stifel & Co.'s.

Rye Whiskies.

Overholt or Dougherty, 8 years old, \$1 quart, \$3 50 gallon. Overholt or Dougherty, 6 years old, 75c quart, \$2 75 gallon. Maple Grove, the best \$2 00 Rye that money can buy. Send price and name kind. We will ship at once. Full measure guaranteed. I. A. GAREE, 1064 Market street, Wheeling, W. Va.

IT takes two to pick a quarrel, but any one can pick a fine Piano at a very low price at House's during the Holidays.

TRUNKS all sizes and prices, 75c up. ETZ & SEIFERT.

DURST Candy Maker at Thurber's, 60 Twelfth street.

RECORDS FOR TALKING MACHINES.

We have thousands of pieces in solos, quartettes, etc., both in vocal and instrumental, band pieces, comic recitations, etc. C. A. HOUSE.

A GREAT ENTERTAINER is one of those Phonographs or Graphophones bought from C. A. HOUSE.

THURBER'S Hand Made Chocolates. 60 Twelfth street.

CHOICE Umbrellas and Pocketbooks. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

THURBER'S Candy is Hand Made.

CRAWFORD FOUND GUILTY.

The Verdict Returned by the Jury Saturday Afternoon—Cooper Case To-day.

The jury in the case of John Crawford, charged with a criminal assault on his ten-year-old step-daughter, Cora Stout, returned a verdict of guilty in the criminal court, Judge Huges, Saturday afternoon. The jury's finding included a recommendation for a jail imprisonment. Under the code, without this verdict, the penalty would have been death. The usual motion for a new trial was made, which will be argued later in the term.

To-day, the case of George Cooper, charged with the same offense on seven-year-old Avelina Trolly, an Italian child, will come up in this court.

FRUITS AND BOX CANDY.

A fine Basket of Fruit and Box of High Grade Candy makes a good Xmas Present for young or old.

ALEX. DURST & SONS.

GOOD Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes as long as they last to-day, at \$1.00. ETZ & SEIFERT.

LADIES' and Gents' Umbrellas at STIFEL & CO.'S.

TABLEWARE in sets or open stock in China and Porcelain at the WEDGEWOOD, 1003 Main street.

FOUNTAIN Pens, Pearl Pens and Gold Pens.

W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

BUY Good Fresh Candy. Thurber's, 60 Twelfth street.

THE largest line of Rings in the city. W. D. ODBERT, Watchmaker and Jeweler, south end creek bridge.

1,200 Men's Puff Scarfs, worth \$1.00, this week at 50 cents. WILL GUTMAN, 1311 Market Street.

A LARGE assortment of 10 cent articles including Glass Vases, Plates, Cups and Saucers, Pin Trays, etc. The WEDGEWOOD, 1003 Main street.

NOTICE.

In fairness to our late as well as early customers we have decided to continue our 20 per cent discount sale until January 1.

Remember we give 20 per cent off the regular price of anything in our large stock of \$70,000 worth of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, etc.

SHEFF BROS.,
Corner Main and Eleventh Street.

Pertinent
Christmas
Suggestions.
..Snook & Co..

Geo. M. Snook & Co.

DOING A BUSINESS HERE

the magnitude of which surpasses by many thousands that done in any previous Christmas season! Saturday a seething, surging mass of humanity, notably in the afternoon and evening; this leads us to again urge all who possibly can to come in the morning. Extra salespeople to serve you.

It's Mistaken Economy to Buy Cheap Kid Gloves!

No matter how GOOD these may wear, the Kid Gloves we sell at \$1.85 and \$2.00 WEAR better and LOOK better, too—lots of satisfaction for the slight difference in price. Try these for Christmas gifts.

Wertheimer's "Astoria" with "throw off" clasps.....\$ 1.85 pair
Bassavant's Fosterina (Trefousse) Lacing.....\$ 1.85 pair
Fowne's La Tosca, 2-clasp.....\$2.00 pair

HERE'S THE LIST OF THE CHEAPER KID GLOVES:

Falka.....68c pair || Clementina.....\$1.00 pair || Henrietta.....\$1.50 pair
Chaumont.....98c pair || Berthold.....\$1.35 pair || Fontaine.....\$1.50 pair

All guaranteed except Falka at 68c pair. Also full line Children's Kid Gloves. Lined and Unlined Mocha Gloves and Mitts for Men, Women and Children. Black Silk Mitts, each pair separately boxed, 50c to \$1.25. Mercerized Mitts 35c and 39c pair.

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..Snook & Co..

Furs, Jackets, Capotes, Skirts, Petticoats, Waists, Wrappers, Dressing Sackies, Children's Reefers, Men's House Coats, Blankets, Rugs, Screens, Fascinators, Leggings, Garters, Silks and Dress Goods.	Chinaware, Cut Glass, Bric-a-Brac, Lamps, Onyx Tables, Statuary, Jardiniere, Pedestals, Toilet Dinner Sets, Silverware, Nut Cracks, Perfumery, Toilet Articles, Buckles, Ribbons, Useful Ebony and Sterling Silver Articles, Atomizers.
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Dolls,
Books,
Calendars,
Toys,
Games,
Satin Pin
Cushions,
Art Pieces,
Collars,
White and
Fancy Shirts,
Celluloid
and
Leather
Collar
and
Cuff Boxes,
Papeteries,
Mirrors,
Brush and
Comb
Sets,
Purses,
Chateaus.

Infants'
Coats,
Sackies,
Shawls,
Dresses,
Skirts,
Bootes,
Shoes,
Hose,
Mits,
Baskets,
Rings,
Battles,
Table Linens
and
Covers,
Towels,
Spreads,
H. S. Linens,
Hampers,
Cathalls,
H. S. Sheets
and
Pillow Cases.